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This book is a broad-spectrum guide, suitable for all courses in basic research. It guides the student from problem selection to completed research report with practical suggestions based on a solid theoretical framework and learning procedure. As a do-it-yourself guide, it is useful for students who are left to their own resources in executing research projects. The chapters are: (1) "What Is Research?"; (2) "Tools of Research"; (3) "The Problem: The Heart of the Research Process"; (4) "The Review of the Related Literature"; (5) "Planning Your Research Design"; (6) "Writing the Research Proposal"; (7) "Qualitative Research"; (8) "Historical Research"; (9) "Descriptive Research"; (10) "Experimental and Causal-Comparative Designs"; (11) "Statistical Techniques for Analyzing Quantitative Data"; and (12) "Technical Details: Style, Format, and Organization of the Research Report." (Contains 17 tables, 44 figures, and 103 references.) (SLD)